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## THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

### A General Summary of the Doctrines and Principles of the Religio-Science.

**K**Oreshan UNIVERSOLOGY is a complete system of the Science of the great Universe of life; and it involves the knowledge of the Creator and his creation. The name by which it is designated, in contradistinction to perverted Christianity is KORESHANITY; and the new Religion must supplant Christianity, as Christianity supplanted Judaism. Koreshanity has come to fulfil the hope of the world in the liberation of humanity from the curse, in the establishment of the Kingdom of God in earth, the introduction of the New Era of Light and Life, of universal harmony and happiness.

What does Koreshanity teach? We present a brief summary of the System—a few cardinal points, which will serve to suggest the great scope of the System in its completeness. It is the antithesis of all modern theories, of all schools of thought. It is the climax of all mental progress, the ultimate and absolute truth of Being and Existence; it is the revelation of all mysteries, the uncovering of the occult; the true explanation of all phenomena, the scientific interpretation of Nature and the Bible.

**Cosmogony.**—The universe is a cell, a hollow globe, the physical body of which is the earth; the sun is at the center. We live on the inside of the cell; and the sun, moon, planets, and stars are all within the globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

**Alchemy.**—The Science of Alchemy is the Philosopher's Stone, the Key to the mystery of life. Chemistry is false; Alchemy is true! Matter and energy are interconvertible and interdependent; they are correlates; matter is destructible; the result of its transmutation is energy. Alchemy is the key to the analysis of the universe.

**Theology.**—God is personal and biune, with a trinity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-Man or the Man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

**Messianic Law.**—The coming of the Messiah is as inevitable as the reproduction of the seed. The divine Seed was sown nineteen hundred years ago; the firstfruit is another Messianic personality. The Messiah is now in the world, declaring the scientific Gospel.

**Reincarnation** is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

**The Spiritual World.**—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity—not in the sky.

**Human Destiny.**—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

**Immortality in the Flesh.**—Koreshanity declares and defines the laws of immortality, and its attainment in the natural world. The first step is recognition of the Messiah and the application of his truth. KORESH was the first in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the natural world, in the flesh.

**Celibacy.**—The saving of human life consists in the conservation and appropriation of life in humanity. To become immortal, one must cease to propagate life on the plane of mortality. The standard of Koreshan purity is the virgin life of Jesus the Messiah. The Central Order of the Koreshan Unity is Celibate and Communistic. Celibacy obtains in the central nucleus, never in the world at large.

**Psychology.**—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the hu-

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man brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

**The Bible.**—The Bible is the best written expression of the divine Mind; it is written in the language of universal symbolism, and must be scientifically interpreted. Koreshanity demonstrates the truth and scientific accuracy of the Scriptures, and proves its astronomy, alchemy, theology, ethnology, etc. There is no conflict between the Bible and genuine Science; the Bible and the natural universe must agree in their expression of the divine Mind.

**Communism.**—Koreshanity advocates communism, not only of the goods of life but of life itself. It has not only the scientific theory of communism, but is practically communistic in the relations and affairs of its own people. In this it corresponds to the primitive Christian church, where all things were held in common. The bond of the true communism is the true religion, and the central personality of the divine communism is the Messiah.

**Koreshan Socialism.**—Our Social System is patterned after the form of the natural cosmos; that form is the natural expression of the laws of order. We demonstrate the fallacy of competition; advocate the destruction of the money power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of the goods of life. Koreshanity will abolish wage slavery, and make it impossible for men to accumulate wealth and impoverish the people.

**Church and State.**—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Government of the New Age will be in the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic, and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is placed at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.



# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Great Doctrine of the Resurrection.

Evolution and Involution as Complementary Factors of Universal Perpetuity; the Lord Christ as the Involved Seed of all Life; Reincarnation and Nirvanic Absorption.

KORESH.

THE STUDY OF UNIVERSOLOGY includes a consideration of the two coördinate operations of law; namely, involution and evolution as complementary factors of creation in perpetuity. We may regard the universe as a great tree which, while in the operation of its evolutionary processes, is infolding its recreative germ. The universe has its own seed, which from its stage of perfection replants itself in the specific soil of its primary impulse toward the recurrence of its manifestation. This seed bears the same relation to the universal tree, that the acorn bears to the oak; hence the oak may be taken as an illustration of the coördinating processes of the laws of infoldment and unfoldment, or of involution and evolution.

The oak tree exists; and because of its existence it can and does produce the acorn, which constitutes the tree in its least form and function. The acorn is the product of the operations in the oak which conspire to impress into the infolding germ the characteristics of the tree, in and through which it has its gestation as the germ of a succeeding development. While the oak is unfolding from the acorn, it is at the same time infolding the acorn, the germinal beginning of a new tree. This process of simultaneous infolding and unfolding may be denominated simultaneous involution and evolution, and pertains to every domain of development, even to the extent of the universal amplitude of greatest and least dimensions. The oak produces the acorn during the simultaneous processes of its functions; but the acorn thus produced may in turn unfold another oak tree. These functions and possibilities belong to

the successive order of evolution and involution.

Evolution or unfoldment is operative by virtue of the fact that the coördinate operation of law has—previously to the unfoldment—infolded the possibilities of the subsequent evolution. What is true of any part of the universe is true of the universe in its entirety. The universe is called such from the meaning of the words *unus*, one; and *verto*, to turn; meaning one turn, or one organic whole governed by a uniform coöperative and coördinating law. In the processes of the involution of the universe to its initial germ, it attains to the limitation of its least amplitude, to its focal point and pole of reproduction or recreation.

The tree (the oak, for instance) has its visible and tangible magnitude, observable to the senses; it is ponderable and material. Within the tree are the forces of its circulation, which are invisible and obscure; and we know of their activities only through the phenomena manifest in the functions of the tree. While we might imagine that the greatest power of the tree resided within, being occult, as spiritual activities, we find upon more critical inspection that neither the visible tree nor its occult energy is capable of initiating the development of a succeeding unfoldment. A new creation cannot begin without the union of the visible tree with its occult spiritual and psychic life, which together create the new germinal beginning of another growth. We are compelled to observe that the beginning of the new tree is not only a spiritual involution, but that the new beginning has a material form. This law pertains to every department and distinctive domain, and as well



to the universe as a whole. The germinal beginning of the universe, like the germinal beginning of every distinctive growth in the universe, must have its material environment. Hence the beginning of creation, that in which resides the power to institute the initiatory work of creation, must embody its material form.

Without argument, we assert that the initiatory creative power and possibility reside within the manifest personality of the righteous man. This man, the seed of the universe and its infolded product, is the Son of God. As the infolded spiritual and material product of the universe is the man, the God-Man, so the universe in its greatest amplitude has the form and functions of the Grand Man. In this conception, then, founded upon the principles of law, we are enabled to discover the center and circumference of the universe, in which—as the pole of universal activity—the center constitutes the smallest amplitude, the unit of being, the point into which all the activities of the whole converge, and into which the forms of the greatest amplitude are impressed. This is the pivot of universal being, the arch Divinity, the King upon whose head rests the crown of universal and eternal empire. Let the student of Koreshanity distinguish between this conception and the prevalent one, which denies a central and polaric consciousness.

We reiterate: the germinal beginning of creation must be the absolutely perfected and righteous man. In the history of the world, such an one should come into the world and mature when, in the movement of the sign on the ecliptic, Aries, the head of the signs, is in its own constellation. Nineteen hundred years ago the sign Aries culminated its own constellation, and the Lamb of God (Lamb signifying the begetting power) was born into the world. As the Lamb of God, the Seed of God, the germinal beginning of the new creation, he was therefore called the beginning of the creation of God.

The student of Koreshan Universology should be specific in his differentiation, because there are numerous issues which in some respects seem to embody similar conceptions. In Theosophy, as in Buddhism, the idea of many deities represented by mahatmas and adepts prevails; and they propound theories which might, through careless observation, be mistaken for the doctrines of Koreshanity. In Koreshanity, however, the Lord Jesus is never confounded with any mahatma, nor with any adept of Buddhism or Theosophy. The Lord Jesus was the central and germinal beginning of the all creative power. "He was before all things, and by him all things consist, and he is the head of the body, the church." Such is the Koreshan estimation of the Son of God. If he was not the Son of God, the visible center of creation, embracing both the Father and the Son, then he was an imposter and a liar; for he declared himself to be all that we declare him.

The Lord explicitly taught the doctrine of reincarnation, but not so indefinitely as it is taught, and as we find it expounded, in Theosophy. The doctrine of the resurrection of the dead is nothing more nor less than reincarnation. *Anastasis*, Greek, signifies a standing again; it is translated resurrection. *Resurgo*, Latin, means to rise again; it is translated resurrection. The difficulty concerning the doctrine of the reincarnation or the resurrection as taught by the Lord and his Apostles, is this; namely, that through the declension of the church it has fallen away from the truth, and the consequence is that the common and ignorant mind, receiving its instruction from the fallen church, supposes the *anastasis* (resurrection) to mean the coming forth from the physical graveyard, where the decaying body passes to its destructive and corruptible dissolution.

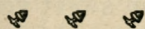
The *anastasis* is a process of reproduction through a succession of reëmbodiments, culminating in that final return to the complete reincarnation in which there obtains, also, the recurrent memory of the past. The central return is in the one who overcomes, and is thus made to be the Son of God. The other incarnations are the Sons of God, who stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb, and who sing the new song that no man can learn but the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who have his Father's name written in their foreheads. The Lord and his Apostles taught the doctrine of reincarnation. Why should not the Lord understand the true doctrine of reincarnation, when he knew that he was not only the reëmbodiment, the complete reincarnation of Abraham, but that he had gathered into his bosom, with his arm, all those who in the past looked for his coming? Why should He not be familiar with the doctrine of the resurrection, the reincarnation, when he was enabled through his knowledge to declare himself the *anastasis*, the resurrection and the life, the reincarnation of those who had died, believing truly in his future coming and their resurrection in him?

The Lord Jesus understood and taught the doctrine of absorption into Nirvana. He said: "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day," at the end of the Christian dispensation. He not only knew the fact of absorption, but the processes by which it should be accomplished. After his resurrection from the tomb of Joseph he appeared to his Disciples, declaring that he was not a spirit, as they thought him to be, but that he was composed of flesh and bones. Then in the presence of his Disciples he was dissolved, became spirit, and was absorbed into the spiritual world which, of course, was the interior of the visible forms that received him. He not only taught the doctrine of absorption, but he accomplished the result, achieving the victory and the glory. Who is the greater teacher of absorp-



tion, the man who so understood the process as to achieve the result, or the man who traditionally taught the doctrine and could not demonstrate it because some link in the chain of consecution was missing? The Lord was not a mahatma, but the greatest and true teacher, both of reincarnation and of absorption.

The Lord constituted the Seed of the universe, within the perpetually existing greatest amplitude of being. The universe is the self-regenerating, self-reproducing, and perpetually existing limited structure. Its greatest form is the greatest amplitude of man; its least form is the least amplitude of man, the man in the perfected structure, in which are the male and female principles, embodied in the unity of life called the Son of God, he constituting the unity of being in the single being, two-in-one personality.



## THE KORESHAN CONCEPTION OF ENERGY.

The Definition of the Term; the Relation of Spirit and Matter; the Mystery of the Atom.

KORESH.

THE TERM ENERGY is from the words *en*, in, and *ergon*, work. When we consider the fact that matter and the spirit or essence of matter, as for instance, light, heat, electricity, and magnetism, are merely distinct conditions of the same thing, we are compelled to admit that the operation called work applies as well to matter as to that which has been called energy. When an atom of matter is reduced to its least possible division; that is, when it is no longer divisible, the least amount of friction then destroys it as matter, and it is immediately converted to the spirit of matter. It is still as much a substance as before the conversion; but it has changed its condition of matter to that of the spirit of matter. Its activity in either condition is its work; therefore, work or energy applies as well to one as to the other.

Hitherto, energy has been regarded as a mere mode of motion; and a substantial thing, in fact, everything in the universe, has been regarded as matter; and one of the properties of matter is its inertia. Matter throughout the universe is immovable, said the "scientist," except when moved upon by some force extraneous to matter; and this force was called a mere mode of motion, a mere nothing in motion, acting upon the *something* which the *nothing* moved, and which was called matter. The so called scientist never stopped to think of the intense absurdity of his position. This doctrine of energy has been declared to be the truth for decades, and the world has never thought to question this ridiculous attitude of the professional juggler called the scientist.

The term atom is from *a*, meaning not, and *temno*, cut. It literally means indivisible or non-cuttable.

It therefore follows, when it is assumed that an atom may still be divided into many lesser particles, that the non-cuttable thing of the late "science" of atomic proportions is cuttable; and it ought with propriety to be declared that the atom of the imagination is not the atom after all, and a new term should be found for that original thing which was called the atom, but which is an infinitesimal molecule, or some other thing than an atom. If, as the "scientists" have been telling us, the atom is the least divisible particle of matter, why are they not honest enough to come out and declare that they were mistaken; and that what they called science was not science but ignorance; and that the atom is not the atom, but shiverable into a thousand or ten thousand smaller subdivisions? The ions and electrons of the more modern thinkers have never been seen, and the declaration that they exist is mere speculation; and as their conclusions are merely hypothetical, founded upon another set of guesses, they are as subject to a final renunciation as were the former guesses concerning the atom.

There is no question but it is possible that there is so infinitesimal a particle of matter as not to be divisible to any smaller subdivision. This least possible division of matter is its atomic state, and for no other reason than that it cannot be subdivided—the atom being its non-cuttable state. This least particle and subdivision of the substance called matter can be subject to friction, and through friction reduced to something which is not matter at all, but which is the counterpart of matter, and without which matter would be useless. What shall we call this non-material but substantial thing which the physicists are calling ions and electrons, and substituting for the original atom? It must be remembered that what the scientists formerly called the least divisible particle of matter, and therefore named it the atom, was never seen under the greatest magnifying power of the greatest microscope; and that every theory predicated upon the basis of various kinds and shapes of atomic structure are mere hypothetical blunderings, to be replaced with other blunderings just as hypothetical. The chances are that there are a billion to one against the truthfulness of any hypothesis employed merely as a working guess for "scientific" conclusions. The conclusion that matter may be subdivided to its least possible dimension is not hypothetical, but the theories hypothetically predicated upon the existence of the atom are mere guesses; and like all former guesses, are castles built to be torn down when they do not meet the requirements of broader, but not universal, thinkers.

The condition to which matter may be reduced, and which cannot be called matter, for it has none of the properties of matter, cannot be called energy, because energy applies to anything which can be in work, and is a state or condition of matter, as well as the condition



of that other quality into which matter is reduced when it is no longer matter. What, then, shall we call it? There can be no better name than the spirit of matter, the synonyms of which are pneuma—wind, breath, air, etc.; air meaning something more than ordinary air, and distinct from it. It is the *breath* of matter, and therefore its spirit. But we are compelled to distinguish this physical spirit from the spirit of that organic constitution called the animal organism, the spirit of animal life. It is the spirit of mineral and metallic existence. There are no electrons nor ions in the spirit of matter. There are, however, active and passive conditions called positive and negative, not in the state of particles, but in the condition of absolute fluid, and consequently non-divisible, but transferable from the condition of the fluid spirit to the condition of its basic quality called matter.

The distinction between matter and spirit is one which the materialistic philosopher is determined not to adopt, for it will inevitably compel the final recognition of the eternal existence of the creative unity of the first principles of life in the eternal forms of organic construction called the universe, in which is the perfect structure of the whole in that characteristic called man, and in perfection called God. The cognition of the fact of the existence of something which is not matter, but its working counterpart, leads to the conclusion that the materialistic, so called scientist is not willing to confess or recognize. There can be no question of the fact that there is a transitional condition between the least form of the particle and the spirit condition, or from the new form into which the matter can be transmuted. This metamorphic stage is necessarily corpuscular, and comprised of positive and negative forms and qualities; and there is no objection to their being denominated electrons and ions for their distinctive designations. But to say that there is nothing in the universe that is substantial but matter is a mistake; and to call this ultra condition of matter the last form or quality, is an egregious blunder. The electrons and ions may be larger, for that matter, than the atom, or they may be the same size, but it is certainly a metamorphic condition. It could not be metamorphic and not be molecular.

The law of transmutation between matter and spirit, and from all material things to all other material things, will come to be universally recognized in the near future. It is gratifying to the writer to know that the principles and laws set forth in Koreshan Universology as long ago as 1870, are being cautiously approached by the more modern gropers after light.

The pure river of water of life is the truth of immortality, from which the doctrine of immortality is derived. The comprehension of this doctrine and its application will produce immortality in the body.

## New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

### KORESHANITY PROVED BY NATURE.

The Fathoming of the Central Theme of Nature and the Bible; the Lessons of Springtime; the Universe Eternal.

THE SUBJECT of the God-Man is the theme that never wearies, because it appeals to the profoundest sentiments of the heart. What theme more fitted to engage the heavenly choir? Whose pulses would not quicken at the thought of the incarnate Being, living and loving with common mortals, sleeping in their rooms, holding converse with themselves, assuaging their woes with the sweet voice of human compassion? God, not far off, but near; not some mysterious being in some distant heaven, but the tender friend and companion; swift to denounce deceit and hypocrisy, but wise and patient to fulfil his mission. To declare the recurring entrance of Deity upon the scene of human existence where he becomes a prominent figure, is one of the special prerogatives of Koreshanity. Supported by the testimony of Nature and the Bible, which is nothing if not in harmony with Nature, the doctrine has intrenched itself in the affections of many.

"Verily, thou art a God that hidest thyself." Where is Deity concealed if not in the personality who forms his mask or covering? He was not concealed in Christ, who came in the glory of the immortal flesh. What can be found in Nature to support this view? The fact that the physical universe has to be perpetually renewed by the recreation of itself, a thing which can only be done by a recombusting center like the physical sun into which, as into a furnace, all its energies are poured. The analogue of the physical sun is the God-Man, who contains all that is in humanity, as the fires of the sun are lighted by the dematerialized particles of every substance in the universe.

There are wonderful truths to be exploited in the future, but the central theme of Nature and the Bible has been fathomed. When the budding leaves come forth and all Nature rejoices in the brightness of the spring days, the reawakening of the earth after its long sleep is typical of what? Only the beginning of the greatest possible augmentation of energies in the earth, or in the humanity which forms the earth. Its reawakening comes when it enters upon a new stage of being, with a deeper or a more interior consciousness. The beautiful breath of spring, quickening and reanimating all Nature, is seen in its analogue, the quickening and revivifying power of the Holy Spirit which proceeds from the combustion of the material elements of the God-Man. Read lines of harmony into the universe, and see how Nature points the way to Nature's God.

The age of the world is suggested as a subject of interest to astronomers and geologists. It is vouched for by the new science, which is as old as the truth, that



modern astronomy in putting lenses and instruments of optical research against the vault of the heavens, has squandered its time and wasted its substance. The time spent in peering into the stars would better be used in developing the time records shown in the tangible crust. There are as many witnesses for Koreshanity in its depths as upon its surface. The suspension of lines in the shafts of some mines of great depth has decided the question that gravity is in the crust. The surface of the globe, being interrogated, has reaffirmed the cellular character of the earth, and has proved the hollow globe beyond a doubt. Then with the correlating forces between center and cell walls, the fact is proved that the world is an eternal structure; consequently, that its beginning in time was never seen.

The whole subject of an education in astronomy must be referred to a competent Teacher, one who is able to explore the realm of Nature, and by mastering her secrets, reveal beyond the shadow of a doubt the real meaning of the truths conveyed in Oriental symbolism in the Bible.

## General Contributions

### THE SCIENTIFIC CODE OF MORALS.

Religion and the Question of Human Duty; The True Standard of Righteousness; Man's Moral Obligation to God and Man.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

"THE QUESTION whether a code of morality can be drawn up, and obedience to moral law secured without a religious basis," was recently reported by *The Literary Digest*, as the topic of a symposium in *La Revue*, Paris. It is stated that many of the most eminent men of France expressed their opinion on the question.

If doing the will of God constitutes morality (the term God implying to most minds the *esse* of perfect righteousness), it would be well to know the standard of righteousness a man required of his God, if we are to determine the value of a man's religion as a basis for the building of his character. Religion, the Master of Koreshan Science has frequently stated, is a word, the definite meaning of which is made clear by determining the original meaning of its two primary roots. *Re* signifies again, and *ligare*, to tie. Religion means to retie, to bind again. Any parts or parties needing to be retied have evidently been separated by the untying or breaking of a uniting bond. The term religion is commonly used only in speaking of a man's relationship or bond of unity with his accepted God, his object or subject of worship. Whether a man's religion can furnish a basis of an at-one-ment with the only living and true God, whose will is the moral law—of which his intellect supplies the scientific interpretation—depends upon whether the only living and true God is known and loved by the man. If a man has a preference for

some other god, the probability is that his religion would be a poor foundation for the building of a truly Godlike character. The worshiper of a depleting, degrading object or subject of contemplation, would doubtless find the tenets of his religion very poor nutriment for his development.

The only living and true God is the only being in the universe who can furnish the credentials of the genuine Scientist and personate his character. Primarily, no man can do the will of God but the personal manifestation of God. This character personated, reveals the science of the application of the law which he can declare as the will of God. His science of the application of the law furnishes the only basis of perfect morals and methods of expressing them. Genuine science could be the fully appreciated possession of only a perfectly balanced, rational mind. Such a mind would require for the demonstration of its science, a demonstrable premise as a basis for all its logical reasonings, and would be able to furnish one that could be tested in all ways and survive the tests.

Apart from a demonstrable premise as a rock basis from which to extend his powers by the exercise of his rational faculties, man must ever feel insecure in whatever position he takes, or relationships he assumes. The chief charm of Koreshanity is that it meets the world with the plumb-line, the chord, and the arc as the visible factors of a demonstrated premise. With these the man of genuine science discovers to his fellows that he knows what has hitherto been unknown to them—the form and the functions of the globe which we inhabit or have our habitat within; also the exact relationship of man to his environment, as its creator and the resource of its perpetuity. Genuine science can determine the purpose of the coördination of the spheres of eternal life and eternal death, the relative values of all degrees of light and shade in each domain of existence, and so illumine the minds of men that, knowing good and evil, they may as Gods will and do their own good pleasure fearless of consequences.

The one who knows in the supreme sense, is the one who has in supremacy the courage of his convictions to do and dare anything to serve his eternally righteous purpose. The man lacking this source of divine wisdom lacks the will of God, which is supreme love for the good of his kind. "Knowledge is power," is the familiar saying of the sages. "The excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it." Such always understand their situations, and desire from each and every one all possible benefit. There is no knowledge of the only living and true God apart from at-one-ment with himself as a member of his body. Genuine knowledge and the fact of membership are simultaneous. To worship God in spirit and in truth, man must know God both objectively and subjectively. Objectively, God can be known only through his personality and its physical environment of definite form and functions.

God, it is declared by the prophets, dwells in the generation of the righteous. Where the knowledge of



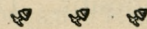
the truth may be proved to be by rational demonstration, there may one acquaint himself quickly with the only living and true God. The genuine man of God knows the *esse* of his indwelling spirits to be the life of the world to come, as well as of the world that was, and the world that now is. This knowledge renders him perfectly fearless in avowing himself to be the external, visible Messenger of the truth to the confessedly Godless man awaiting a covenant relationship with Deity, that will make him at one with the only living and true God, a man whose morals are equal to the doing of the will of God with a religious zeal or bond of obligation in accord with the science of truth.

This daring to be true to truth is a characteristic in the supreme degree, of every genuine Messiah of every recurrent age of time. It was a preëminent characteristic of the Lord Jesus. The Lord as seen by the unbelieving Jew, the waste of the body that gave him birth, was a despised Nazarene, the son of a carpenter of a priestly order. Nevertheless, the Lord did not hesitate to declare himself to Jew and Gentile and the church of God, to be at-one with the almighty Creator of the universe, the Sower and the Reaper of his holy Seed, his own body. His body he declared to be the life, the origin and destiny of the universe, the visible microcosmic being of its least form. The Messenger of the final covenant of this one Lord, for the redemption of his macrocosmic body, personates the veritable individual spirit of the truth which gave its flesh for the life of the world. He declared that this world, embracing the members of his body, should know him no more after the flesh, but as the Spirit of the truth in his new name, made known by the sure word of prophecy, and by the teaching of all things in accord with the remembrance of his own oral teachings.

The Messenger, as the servant of the Most High, is no less daring than his Lord, now the indwelling Spirit of truth, the individuality of wisdom and love illumined by the science of the law, their eternal bond of unity. When the integrity of man's visible Deity is utterly lost, the last strand of the tie broken, divine science finds the Revelator, the Sign of the Son of man, who is the foretold Restorer of all things, the rebinder of man become the great beast, the bestial man of sin, to the God of his divine origin and destiny. He attacks the man of sin with the sword of truth, with a demonstrated premise and logical reasoning therefrom. This process restores the science of the Mosaic law, the declared will of God, to its rightful place in the esteem of men who would become men of God by doing his commandments in his name. The confession of this name is required by the first commandment, in which the Almighty identifies himself with an objective personality by speaking of himself as "Me." In his day Moses was the "Me" of his indwelling Deity, who told him to go and be as God to his people.

The science of the Mosaic law, the Messenger of Universology declares and demonstrates to be the only foundation for a code of morals insuring the moral integrity of the immortal manhood. To this, man

may be restored by obedience unto the death of the old man of sin, and to the life of the new man bearing in the forehead the Father's name. The immortal Manhood of the Lord is the one trustworthy revelator of genuine morality, the integrity of Godliness. A symposium of the Gods once made man in their image and their likeness. A symposium of the Gods will do it again, when men who have made void the law by their traditions of fallacy and evil, turn again to the law and to the testimony of the Prophet of prophets and do works meet for repentance.



## THE SEVEN PLANES OF TRUTH.

### Part 3.—Architecture.

The Architecture of Noah's Ark; the Association of Architecture and Religion; the Chaos of Modern Schools of Architecture.

ELIZABETH ROBINSON.

NOAH'S BIRTH was predicted by Enoch through astrological knowledge. When naming Noah, his father said: "This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed." And later, "God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come \* \* and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, \* \* with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it." Architecture is from two Greek words meaning arch, bow, chief, beginning; and workmanship or building. Cain "builded a city;" and Jabal "was the father of such as dwelt in tents." But in the command to Noah to build an ark is given the first description in the Scriptures, of what we term architecture.

Religion and architecture are inseparable. When a new religion is engendered it finds expression in new architectural forms; and it is a notable fact that architecture and language bear a close resemblance, one to the other, for both are the expression of thought. The ruling national idea of a people will show forth in a type of architecture. The records are unmistakable in the evidences "that man built houses and temples and erected monuments, and recorded his thoughts in written words, unbroken by any universal flood or other cataclysm; and while it has been believed that the end of the world came when Noah and his family were saved from the flood, we now know that the world still continued, and a portion of it was inhabited." In the epic of Gilgamesh, the Babylonian story is:

"Reed hut, hear! Wall, understand!  
Thou man of Shurippak, Son of Ubaratutu,  
Make a house, build a ship,  
Leave thy possessions, seek thy life;  
Abandon thy goods, and save thy life.  
Bring up seed of every kind into the ship—  
The ship which thou shalt build."

Berosus, the Chaldean priest, says in his history of Babylon, that "there were written accounts containing histories of the heavens and the sea, the birth of mankind, their kings and memorable actions, and of a great deluge, accounts of which should be buried in the City



of the Sun, at Sippara." The tablets found in 1873 gave an almost unbroken history of the same. More recent discoveries show evidences of the most wonderful architecture, treasures of art and literary records, that have been absolutely hidden for thousands of years, and are now being restored to almost their original condition—thereby refuting the belief of the early modern times that the Greeks were the inventors of what we term architecture. Thousands of years before the Greeks were working their way out of barbarism, there existed a high state of civilization, with all that belongs to it.

The Chaldean plan for building was to place the corners of the foundations exactly facing the cardinal points of the compass. The Chaldean architecture and sculpture constituted the mother of the architecture and sculpture of Assyria; and the further they departed from the ancient center, the more unskilful became their productions. History does not tell who was the inventor of the arch, but it is believed to have been the Chaldean architects, as it was used by them in all kinds of buildings, palaces, gateways, canals, sewers, etc. The Babylonian and Assyrian buildings were largely palaces and temples, and all the known means were used for their decoration. The temples were not so large as the palaces, but the towers of the temples were often seven stories high, and they were reached by an inclined plane encircling the building. The substructure of the temple was massive, the towers crowned with a small sanctuary. The arch was largely used, but the column did not play an important part as it did with the Egyptian, and later with the Græco-Roman peoples. The Tower of Belus was a step-shaped pyramid of seven different colored bricks, dedicated to the seven planets.

In Babylonia, there being no rock nor stone, dried or burnt bricks were used; and rock, which had to be brought from great distances, was only used for foundations and decorations. In Assyria they had stone of easy access, and the Assyrians were very proficient in the hewing and shaping of the same. Yet they imitated the Babylonians largely in their use of brick; and the architecture was one as a whole. What differences there were existed simply in choice of subjects and peculiarities of technique. "The Egyptian architecture is said to have had an astronomical import, far more than any other nation, in that they sought to penetrate the depths and mysteries of Nature." Their religion and architecture went hand in hand. The "immortality of the soul," as shown forth in their tombs and pyramids, and animal worship, as found in their architecture, was long a marvel to the modern world. The overscrolling with strange designs of animals, gods, and symbols was so little understood by the Greeks that they called it *hieroglyphics*, meaning sacred carvings; but it is now known to be characters of a strange system of writing, thus combining architecture, religion, and language.

Among the peculiarities of the Egyptian architecture was the studied avoidance of uniformity in the arrangement of the columns, and many of the details also.

In their building they faced the *sides* of the cardinal points, as opposed to the method of the Chaldeans, who used the corners. The pyramidal shape pervades most of their works, the walls of their temples inclining inward; also the jambs to their entrance gates were generally inclined; and they made elaborate use of colors in all their decorations.

The Greeks received their first ideas of architecture from the Assyrians and Egyptians, but they soon developed a style peculiarly their own, giving elegant and classic form to the massive and gigantic. They employed the column in all their buildings; the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian being the best known. The Doric they copied from Egypt, massive and heavy from the rock-cut tombs. The Ionic, graceful and elegant, was copied from Persia; the chief characteristic which shows its Eastern origin being the honeysuckle decoration, which is used by the Assyrians, Persians, and Hindoos. The Greeks improved on the original, and it is now the most beautiful ornament of their architecture. The Corinthian style is a combination of the Doric and Ionic.

With the Romans the arch played an important part. To them the nations of modern Europe are indebted for the introduction of the arch, which gradually effected a complete change in the architectural forms which they borrowed from the Greeks. The Arabians had no special architecture peculiar to themselves until the Mohammedan religion arose. Then the horseshoe arch, a very original form of architecture, and which has continued to be marked from all other styles, appeared.

In the middle ages architecture reached its lowest ebb. There was an utter lack of the artistic, showing the decline of the classic styles under the reign of the hordes of barbarians who invaded the Roman empire. But in Italy under the Ostrogoths, was brought forth the Gothic architecture. The term Gothic was given by the Renaissance as a term of reproach, which it has long since outlived; for the knowledge of those styles increased until Gothic now ranks as one of the noblest styles of architecture. The Italian architecture is a revival of the ancient Roman; for while the Gothic with its pointed arch has its followers, the round arch of the Romans is the choice.

The Eastern nations have the dome as their distinguishing feature, and the Western, the plain vault ceiling. But all schools of architecture at the present time may be called chaotic, holding as they do all styles of the ancient and also of the modern schools. But throughout all, two typical forms exist, the principal features being the *straight* lintel and the *arcuated*. The darkest hour is just before day; and that which now exists is but the idealized conception of a racial memory; but the dawn of the new day is upon us, with its Architect and Builder, and also the Temple to which all flesh may seek their lives; for the *Bow* abides in strength.

The man of sin is the Man who took upon himself the sins of the world, and who was made to be sin.





## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE RIDDLE OF LIFE continues to agitate those in search of its solution. It is an old, old problem; the mystery is manifold and profound, notwithstanding the multitudes of living forms throughout the world. It seems strange that men should presume to search for the solution of the mystery of life *outside* of living forms. Yet with chemicals they deal, expecting to find the initial point or origin of life in the action of simple elements. Perhaps it is in the sediment of the sea, in the slime of cess-pools, or in broth prepared for test tubes; or perhaps it is elsewhere—the agnostic is lost in the labyrinth. Yet those who are deepest in the maze pose as teachers of the most advanced science. A recent discussion of the origin of life attracts our attention. All modern research in the fields of geology and biology is conducted on the basis of the supposition that at some time in the past the world did not exist; that the physical world with its inhabitants was brought into existence by some mysterious process. For a while the power of an infinite Deity seemed sufficient to explain the origin of the worlds supposed to float around in space; but men began to evolve hypotheses concerning possible processes whereby the world received its form and life. Modern evolution in its various forms has supplanted the idea of direct creation; but modern evolution took its cue from those who advocated that God created the visible universe out of nothing. According to the view of the evolutionists, *nothing* created the visible cosmos out of primary elements in a chaotic state. Matter that was inert began to move itself; matter that was dead and devoid of life, began to make itself alive. Function was supposed to *perform* its work without form, and to shape things by means of the shapeless. Speculative scientists have caused the world to wonder by periodically lengthening the period of the earth's development, extending it to hundreds of millions of years. This period is too long for Dr. Bastian, who has persisted in independent investigations in biology for over a third of a century. He beholds the uniformity of natural phenomena, and believes that the processes of the universe take place according to fixed laws. He began to ask himself if the processes of development of living matter were not going on now in the lower elements of inorganic substances; and if so, might not the great variety of forms of life have developed, not from a first cause in point of time and space, but at different times in various parts of the world. He supposes that the age of the earth is much less than now generally supposed. A number of scientists have been asked to give their opinion of Dr. Bastian's views. Professor Jordan, of the Leland Stanford University, asserts that modern geology is discordant, and admits that "we know nothing whatever of the origin of life." The Professor of Zoölogy, University of Michigan, holds that all evidence goes to show that life is from life, and that the idea of the origin of living matter from non-living matter by an evolutionary process is improbable. Other scientists questioned, deny the theory of spontaneous generation. The idea of the evolution of all the living forms that inhabit

the earth, from a low, brainless, nerveless, and bloodless combination of soil and sea-water, is one of the greatest vagaries of modern times. Koreshan Universology has neither part nor parcel in such puerile conceptions. If those who believe that the evidences of the present sustain the conclusion that life is from life, cell from cell, form from form, should broaden their conception sufficiently to carry their logic to an ultimate conclusion, they would find no escape from the Koreshan conclusion that neither the physical cosmos nor the life that it contains ever had a beginning in point of time, as is generally supposed. Koreshan Universology has brought to the world the very first *scientific evidence* of the existence of eternal life and the periodic manifestation of the origin of all life in the perfect seed and offspring of universal activity. The perpetuity of all life is through the seed of its kind. The universe itself is perpetuated through the functions of reproduction in definite periods and cycles. Both the origin and the destiny of life is Deity, whose plane of life in manifestation is the subject of the next great step in human evolution. It is the fifth and highest natural kingdom of the universal order of existence.

PERHAPS the limit of superstition of the medical profession is reached in the microbe theory. It is thought that the germs are the cause of all the ills that man is heir to. For fear of bacteria, the dread monsters in the minutest form, ludicrous precautions are taken. The mental scientists scare them away by a strong will power; but medical men use carbolic acid and other disinfectants and antiseptics. In view of the wisdom (?) of modern times, how foolish must have been the incantations of the heathens, and even the prayers of the early Christians! The mind is nothing to the materialist; "unclean spirits" are supposed to have been imagination. It is even considered that Jesus of Nazareth might have wrought more wonderful works if he had used a few gallons of some kind of microbe killer or germ destroyer. When society takes up with a fad it is carried to the extreme. Fear of infection has led to agitation of the subject by New York society women. Anti-microbe clubs may be organized to combat the invisible, omnipresent microbe. The paraphernalia of an anti-microbe club-room would certainly be unique. Antiseptic fluids everywhere; use it for the fingers every hour; for pins, coins, pencils—everything usable by the human being. Mix the fluid with sapolio for door-knobs and every other thing touchable. Distil the water, filter all beverages. Even a great brewery, to pose as intensely up-to-date and scientific, filters the air in which its beer is manufactured. Club-women are already talking about using tongs to save touching things with the fingers, for fear of microbes. Nature always bungles her work; she did not provide the human beings with tongs! What an oversight, to be sure! Nature produces the unhealthful water, the foul air, germ-infected vegetation, dirty soil, and the beauty-destroying sunshine. The world is a world of sorrow because it is full of microbes. The doctors did not have enough to



do to visit those actually sick; they had to invent imaginary ills and dangers. It is the quintessence of modern science; it is modern science condensed. Look out for it; it is in the microbe. The devil is not in it with the microbe, for the microbe is the most gigantic *little* thing that ever undertook to coöperate with the doctors!

WE HAVE made numerous references in the past to objections urged against the Koreshan Geodetic Survey on the ground of the supposition that it is impossible to make adjustments fine enough to insure accuracy in the projection of a straight line by mechanical means. Persons who seek to urge such objection, hold to the old school conception of the form of the earth, and rely on the accuracy of work of geodetic departments of various governments. We have shown many times that in ordinary geodetic work, tests of the direction of the earth's curvature are not involved at all—merely the ratio of curvature as determined from surface area embraced in triangles and quadrilaterals. But the testimony of modern geodesists would be valueless even in determining the ratio of curvature, if the accuracy of their work be not admitted. If it were impossible to make accurate adjustments of metal surfaces, then it follows that no dependence should be placed in the accuracy of their measurements of base lines and meridian arcs. We maintain that the accuracy of their work is nothing short of marvelous. And even greater accuracy of adjustment is possible and attainable. Men who object to the Koreshan geodetic work readily accept the statement of astronomers that they measure the parallax of a few stars, some of which are supposed to be so remote that the parallax or shift produced by the space of the diameter of the supposed earth's orbit, would not equal the apparent shift of an electric light 750 miles distant, produced by a change of position of the observer from one side of a window to the other! According to recent reports, Dr. Shaw, an English scientist, has invented a micrometer which enables him to take measurements up to one 70,000,000ths of an inch. Expressed decimally, this space of an inch is a little more than .000000014 (fourteen billionths). The "impossible" things of one generation may be of easy achievement in a succeeding one.

PROFESSOR Pickering, the Harvard University astronomer, believes he has solved the problem of the origin of the moon. According to him, the moon is "the earth's daughter," the offspring being begotten and born through mere centrifugal force, which caused a side of the earth to fly off into space. To restore the earth to its original bulk, the moon would have to be brought back to the bed of the Pacific ocean. That is what Professor Pickering says, and many people think he knows. He has not been to the moon at all, but he has been to the Hawaiian Islands. He has found craters there just like those on the moon, in his imagination; and he presumes to find a likeness between the surface area of the moon and the bed of the Pacific itself. He has it all figured out. There is the moon in the sky; and there is the bed she slept in ages ago! And he can almost locate the depression in the moon where the Hawaiian Islands fitted when the moon covered the Pacific. But many

thinkers will wonder whether a little skin off the earth orange should make another orange grow in space; and will perhaps ask if a globe 2,170 miles in diameter would not contain much *more* matter than could be replaced snugly in the hollow of the great ocean. Professor Pickering thinks the craters on the moon are like those in Hawaii. It would seem as though the big earth should contain the larger vents; but not so. For while the very largest craters on the earth are only a few miles across, those supposed to exist on the moon are fifty, sixty, and a hundred miles in diameter. Very like the craters on the earth, to be sure! The subject is very interesting—but many will ask what relation the Professor's conclusions sustain to the threatening coal strike and the question of the abolition of poverty in lands of plenty.

THE WORK of gathering the elect is a great work preparatory to the great consummation of the age. Not only is the wheat to be gathered, but the tares also that grew in the same field; and the angels are the reapers. The gathering of the elect is not merely the finding of personalities to accept the truth; the elect is not gathered from the earth alone, but *heaven* also. The orthodox view of heaven does not comport with the Scriptures, neither with the science of divine progress. If there is a gathering of the elect from the uttermost parts of the earth, they must be taken out from among the non-elect; and if the elect is to be gathered also from the uttermost parts of heaven, heaven must contain non-elect as well. The heavens of the old dispensation are inhabited by all classes of spirits; the consummation of the age is brought about by a rolling together of the heavens as a scroll. This is the process of involution, which is a process of infolding, inrolling, or ingathering in a focus or center, the termination of the spiral of the life of the dispensation. The ingathered heavens constitute the New Jerusalem, inhabited by the elect gathered from the heavens, to descend upon and in the elect gathered in the natural world. This is the great baptism of the Messenger of conjunction, whose mission it is to turn the heart of the Fathers to the children of men awaiting the great outpouring.

PROF. SERVISS has often wondered why great movements of the world are westward; he has never found a reason why. Ambrose Bierce confesses that while there must be a reason, a law governing the westward impulse, he does not know what it is, but supposes the sun may have something to do with it. Professor Serviss has thought so, too. The course of the star of empire is truly westward; but the poetic figure does not fit in modern astronomy at all, for if the earth rotates diurnally, neither the sun nor any star moves westward, but remains stationary. Elements of the classic and the poetic, the artistic and the true, the natural and the real, are not in the prevailing vagaries of astronomy.

Two items in a Chicago daily paper are significant. The headings are self-explanatory. In St. Paul there was a "Pastor Knocked Down in Riot in his Church. Struck by trustee in fight over collection box, he is stretched on the steps of his pulpit." In Chicago there were "Bullets and Blood in Big Church Riot. Three shots, and scores injured in savage battle between crowd and police." These items stand side by side conspicuously on the page. Church militant, indeed! Conflict has characterized the dispensation, and it will terminate the age. "Behold, how those brethren love one another"!



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## Curvilinearation of the Lines of Vision.

"What proof have you that the lines of vision are curved? I ask your kind assistance that I may comprehend the following: If the moon is a reflection from the metallic strata constituting the shell of the earth, please explain how rays of light penetrate the opaque substances between the strata and the surface. I am asking these questions for my own information on this most interesting subject, and would be grateful for reply."

The idea that rays of light are straight in a universe containing atmospheres—that is, *spheres* of air, the strata of which are in themselves curved—is on a par with the old idea that an object once set in motion would continue forever in a straight line unless acted upon by some force to change its course or stop its motion. The medium of transmission of light, so far as we see it, is our common air; and as its planes or strata are not flat, rays of light and vision are not straight. The paths or lines of radiation are in the direction of least resistance.

But the atmosphere itself is but one of several factors which have to do with the various phenomena of the heavens and the horizon. Perspective and geoliner foreshortening operate to produce apparent displacement of position of objects seen in the earth and sky. We may illustrate: Alongside a railway track, perfectly straight for a long distance, place a tube with center aperture and cross-hair (or a transit instrument will answer) so that the tube is perfectly parallel with the rail, and at a distance of about eight or ten inches. At intervals of every hundred yards or so, place horizontal projections across the rail so that they may appear to project to the perpendicular cross-hair. If, then, measurements be made of the length of the projections, they will be found to elongate in proportion to the distance from the point of observation. This is because perspective has operated on the side of the rail, causing the visual lines to curve away from the straight rail.

We may know positively that the visual lines curve, by referring them directly to the surface of the earth. Through a leveled transit instrument, read a point on the staff some distance

away—say one mile. If both the transit instrument and the staff be referred to the same piece of still water, it will be found that the point read on the staff is higher than the center of the tube of the instrument, to the extent of five to seven inches.

The ordinary way is to suppose that the lines of vision are straight, and that the earth curves downward from the straight line of sight. Thus the idea of the earth's convexity is founded upon a guess. First demonstrate the direction of the earth's curvature, and a foundation is laid not only for astronomy, but for physics, and all other branches of science. By the same methods which surveyors employ to "prove" the earth's convexity, we may show that a straight bar curves four different ways at the same time!

A very graphic form of demonstration of the curvation of the rays of light in our atmosphere is found in the appearance of the tails of comets. Comets are within our sea of air when visible. They are produced by the sunlight passing through the head or lens of the comet; the tail of a comet is the luminous trail of the light after leaving the lens. The tail is often curved, and is always turned away from the sun. Comets are rarely visible, but excellent photographs of them appear in text-books on astronomy.

Concerning the transmission of the substance of light through the crust of the earth, it has been conclusively shown by means of the X-ray, that apparently opaque objects may be penetrated—even by the vision, when the X-ray is used. Even photographs are taken through what is termed opaque substances. Long before the X-ray was discovered, the ultra-penetrable ray found place in the Koreshan Cosmogony.

We see the planets, the mercurial discs in the shell of the earth, by the universal X-ray, as directed from the discs to the planes of energy in the sky. We look against the planetary mirrors in the sky and see the discs in the earth. Correspondingly, we are enabled to see the earth from the outside, as it were, in the earth's lunar

picture in the sky, by means of the ultra-penetrable rays. They are much more powerful than can ever be made artificially, and are so refined as to pass through materials without obstruction.

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## Man as the Great Creator.

"I send you herewith a few creations from the tongue and pen of two of our eminently scienceless teachers. The one by Professor Ostwald is certainly the limit of human possibility. It would seem, accordingly, that the Lord is in danger of losing his office. What patience the Almighty must have!"

Professor Ostwald, of the University of Leipsic, recently lectured at the Columbia University on the results of attempts to create life. The experiments of Professor Loeb were carefully detailed; and the Professor has made a study of the field so far as invaded by modern empiricists. He expects greater things than those now accomplished in biology, believing that man may create a type of life as high as our domestic animals; and eventually, something almost akin to man may be evolved. After much thought on the subject, he even announced his belief that man may eventually usurp some of the functions of the Creator, and that a new form of being of the highest type may walk the earth as a product of advanced science.

"Who knows," he says, "but a new order of humanity may be created?" But immediately after the above remark, he says: "Our science is still young. Some of the most important branches of chemistry have been known but twenty years. We cannot fully explain the facts and phenomena of life; and after all, a living thing is nothing but a system of energy and life. It is but a matter of chemistry." This at least shows that the modern chemist will never perform the work of the great Creator!

But the idea of man as the Creator is not original with Prof. Ostwald. All that has ever been created was made by man. The Christian gospel reveals the character of the Man who was God, a Creator who produced results without a chemical laboratory.



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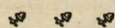
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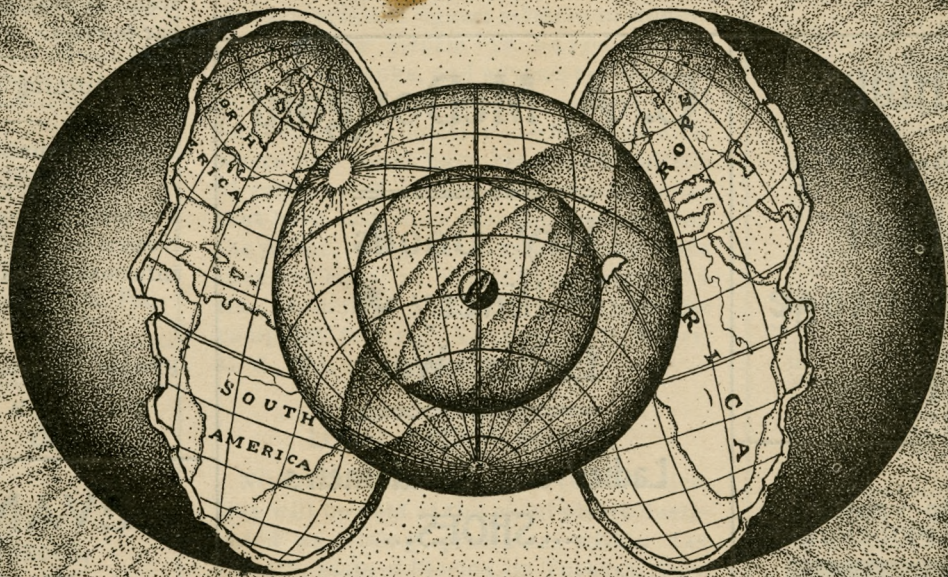
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